

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Jon Sonju, on February 7, 2007 at  
3:00 P.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Bill Nooney, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)  
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)  
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)  
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)  
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)  
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Kevin T. Furey, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary  
Leanne Heisel, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 332, HB 421  
Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON HB 332**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:18 Rep. Bill Thomas (D), HD 26, opened the hearing on HB 332, Sound emission standards for off-highway vehicles.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:01:29 Roger Hagen, Montana Trail Vehicle Rider Association (MTVRA)

[EXHIBIT\(trh27a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(trh27a02\)](#)

00:04:37 Russ Ehnes, MTVRA

[EXHIBIT\(trh27a03\)](#)

00:11:46 Mary Allen, Environmental Trade Association

00:12:16 Ramona Ehnes, Great Falls Trail Bike Riders

[EXHIBIT\(trh27a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(trh27a05\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:14:20 Marelyn Krause, Bureau of Land Management

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:15:06 Rep. Nooney  
00:15:39 Rep. Thomas  
00:15:52 Mr. Ehnes, MTVRA  
00:16:20 Rep. Nooney  
00:16:28 Mr. Ehnes, MTVRA  
00:17:04 Rep. Sonju  
00:17:08 Mr. Ehnes, MTVRA  
00:18:36 Rep. Nooney  
00:18:42 Mr. Ehnes, MTVRA  
00:19:23 Rep. Malcolm  
00:19:37 Mr. Ehnes, MTVRA  
00:21:16 Mr. Wiseman  
00:21:27 Mr. Ehnes, MTVRA  
00:23:26 Rep. MacLaren  
00:23:41 Mr. Ehnes, MTVRA  
00:25:37 Rep. Arntzen  
00:26:20 Mr. Ehnes, MTVRA  
00:27:06 Rep. Wiseman  
00:27:26 Mr. Ehnes, MTVRA  
00:28:06 Rep. Nooney  
00:28:35 Mr. Ehnes, MTVRA

00:29:53 Rep. Sonju  
00:30:02 Rep. Thomas  
00:30:11 Mr. Ehnes, MTVRA  
00:31:21 Leanne Heisel  
00:32:10 Rep. Sonju

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:32:36 Rep. Thomas  
[EXHIBIT\(trh27a06\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(trh27a07\)](#)

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**HEARING ON HB 421**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:33:44 Rep. Roger Koopman (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB 421, Regulate access to information created by auto event data recorders.

[EXHIBIT\(trh27a08\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(trh27a09\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:48:30 Mona Jamison, General Motors

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:53:57 Rep. Hilbert  
00:54:50 Ms. Jamison  
00:55:57 Rep. Hilbert  
00:57:01 Rep. Wilson  
00:57:20 Ms. Jamison

**Proponents' Testimony Continued:**

00:58:33 Aidan Myhre, Auto Alliance  
01:00:12 Bruce Spenser, Montana Automobile Dealers Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:02:54 Greg Vanhorsen, State Farm Insurance Company  
01:08:30 Dwight Easton, Farmers Insurance Group

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:09:50 Rep. Hilbert

01:10:13 Mr. Spenser, Montana Automobile Dealers Association  
01:11:47 Rep. Wilson  
01:13:21 Mr. Vanhorsen  
01:14:05 Rep. Nooney  
01:14:55 Rep. Koopman  
01:18:04 Rep. Hilbert  
01:18:55 Rep. Malcolm  
01:19:36 Mr. Spenser  
01:21:25 Rep. MacLaren  
01:21:53 Mr. Vanhorsen  
01:23:27 Rep. MacLaren  
01:23:33 Rep. Koopman  
01:23:53 Rep. Sonju  
01:23:55 Leanne Heisel  
01:24:13 Rep. Sonju  
01:24:17 Rep. Koopman  
01:24:27 Rep. Hilbert  
01:26:09 Mr. Spenser  
01:28:36 Rep. Wiseman  
01:28:55 Rep. Malcolm  
01:29:09 Rep. Wiseman  
01:29:29 Rep. Koopman  
01:30:36 Rep. Sonju  
01:30:39 Leanne Heisel  
01:31:16 Rep. Wiseman  
01:31:55 Rep. Koopman  
01:32:07 Rep. Wiseman  
01:32:36 Rep. Vanhorsen  
01:33:21 Rep. Sonju  
01:34:09 Mr. Vanhorsen  
01:37:19 Mr. Spenser  
01:37:53 Rep. Sonju  
01:38:06 Rep. Koopman  
01:38:40 Rep. Wilson  
01:39:18 Mr. Spenser  
01:39:44 Rep. Nooney  
01:40:11 Rep. Koopman  
01:41:01 Rep. Furey  
01:42:02 Rep. Koopman  
01:42:44 Rep. Hilbert

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:43:07 Rep. Koopman

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:46:50 Adjournment

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REP. JON SONJU, Chairman

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KATIE BUTCHER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([trh27aad.pdf](#))**